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MESSAGE/INSTRUCTIONS

Re: **Decision on 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) Petition for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/501,335**

Sir,

Thank you for your telephone call earlier today. As you requested, I am faxing copies of two letters (in Italian with English translations) indicating that the application was received by the attorney (Mr. Fabrizio Conte) of the inventor (Mr. Piero Del Soldato). As I mentioned, these documents were originally submitted in the petition filed on May 20, 2005.

The letters were sent by attorney Maria Teresa Noro on February 14, 2005 and March 29, 2005. Please note that both letters clearly indicate that the entire application, the assignment, and the declaration were hand delivered (not once, but twice) to Mr. Conte and they were indicated as being received on February 15, 2005 and March 29, 2005 respectively - please see the signature along with the word *ricevuta* (received) at the end of both of the Italian letters.

I trust that we have provided sufficient information to show a *bona fide* attempt to comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.47 and request that the petition filed on May 20, 2005 be granted.

Regards,

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Milano, 14 febbraio 2005
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Le invio la documentazione di cui in appresso trasmessami dalla Nicox, la quale mi ha incaricato di contattarLa per richiederLe di sottoscriverla.

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Coi migliori saluti.


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